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April 22, 1974

TO : The Secretary  
FROM: S/P - Winston Lord ✓  
EA - Arthur Hummel ✓

Your Meeting with PRCLO Chief Huang Chen,  
Monday, April 22, 5:00 p.m.

This will be your first meeting with Huang Chen since before your November trip to Peking. Your basic purposes will be to follow up the strands of your dinner conversation in New York and reestablish contact with Huang as a primary channel for intimate discussions of US policies and US-PRC bilateral relations.

Ambassador Huang Chen will be accompanied by the Interpreter, Chi Ch'ao-chu, and by Ch'ien Ta-yung, who is a Counselor at the PRCLO dealing with political affairs, and who has been in Peking during many of your trips (he attended Hummel's Counterpart Talks in November), and who just recently returned to Washington after a long stay in Peking.

Ambassador Huang will probably have received a full report of your discussions with Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-p'ing and Vice Minister Chiao in New York April 14. (A transcript of the dinner discussion is on the left flap of this folder.) Last fall, shortly after you saw Chiao in New York you met Huang Chen in Washington, and he said he had seen a full record of the talk with Chiao.

Talking Points

You should briefly review and update the following topics you discussed in New York (page numbers are from the briefing memo done for the New York talk which is in the attached book.)

-- State again our reaffirmation of US intentions toward the PRC (pages 6-7); emphasize the continuity of our course under any Administration;

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-- Say that after our consultations in Seoul are completed we will soon be in touch with him, and with Ambassador Huang Hua in New York, to discuss specifics of the Korean UN Command, and our proposed solution (pages 12-13);

-- Middle East (pages 9-10). You should preview your forthcoming trip in more detail;

-- Soviet Union (SALT, the President's Trip your upcoming meetings with Soviet officials, etc.) (page 9);

-- South Asia (page 10);

-- Relations with Western Europe and Japan (page 11).

You need to decide how to handle the subject of your proposed discussion with the PRC of next steps in the normalization process in the light of the Communique phrase, "confirming the principle of one China." In New York you indicated willingness to discuss this topic either with Huang Chen or wait until your "next annual trip" to Peking. Teng indicated that this could be discussed with Huang Chen in Washington but was not conclusive about it. Huang Chen may expect to hear from you whether you intend to follow Teng's suggestion, and discuss this topic here in Washington with him later on. (CAUTION: We are not yet ready for such talks. We need guidance from you, on the basis of our memo to you of January 29, before we can make substantive suggestions for such a discussion. That memo is in the folder in the back of the attached book.)

You should also consider raising the following items from your New York briefing memo that you did not discuss in New York:

-- MFN and the Mansfield Bill (page 8);

-- Indochina items, particularly on Cambodia (page 14);

-- Your wish to have Hummel talk to Han Hsu about visa matters; and about travel regulations for PRC officials in the US (page 9 and TAB E, page 3);

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Other suggestions:

-- Ask if Huang Chen's wife has returned with him; we believe he will say she has not, and you can ask when she will;

-- Say how much you enjoyed your discussions in New York with the Vice Premier and the Vice Minister;

-- We do not think Huang is likely to raise complaints about our bilateral relations (Len Unger's appointment, ROC Consulates, ferrous scrap, wheat smut, etc.). However, you should review pages 4-7 and TAB E in order to be able to respond if he does raise any of those issues.

-- Huang might refer to the newspaper reports that Ambassador Bruce is bored and frustrated and wants to leave Peking.

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